

# THE GHOST WHO WRITES!

BASED ON A TRUE STORY!

STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY  
- EPISODE FIVE -

CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

LATE ONE NIGHT ON THE INTERNET...

I only have a week to submit the first draft for my essay...

I need help!!



Ooh! This Website offers "help" with my assignment. I think I'll try it out...

I'm not sure if this is OK, but this assignment is really hard and I need a good grade...

**NEED HELP? YOU PAY WE WRITE!**  
**ESSAYS 4 SALE! NO STRESS! RELAX!**  
**GHOST WRITER!**

I'll pay someone to write my assignment just this once. No-one will find out. Or will they?



BUT UNIVERSITY STAFF DO MONITOR THESE SITES!

This looks interesting! A person on this site is negotiating for someone to write an assignment for a CDU unit.



I'll screen shot all the information I can gather and pass it on to the lecturer.

LATER ON... THE UNIT COORDINATOR RECEIVES A PHONE CALL.



OK! Thanks for letting me know. I'll review the evidence.

I've identified the student. I'll ask her to talk me through the key concepts covered in the assignment and get her to show me the planning notes, drafts of the assignment, as well as the evidence of research. That will help me to check if the student really did the assignment or not.



## THE CONSEQUENCE:

Presenting someone else's work as your own is a serious and substantial breach of academic integrity. There are a range of penalties, and these can include exclusion from the university. Even though this was the first breach by the student, the issue was escalated by the Unit Coordinator to the Head of the School. The Head of School awarded a fail grade for the whole unit. Feedback was given to the student as well as strategies to improve her academic research and writing skills.

I made a big mistake in buying an assignment and I'll never do that again. Repeating the unit will set me back at least a semester. I understand now that university work can be hard but that's part of learning. I feel so ashamed. I have let myself and my family down. People will always question my integrity now.

